

AACRAC January 10, 2005 Meeting Minutes

Present: Timothy Anderson, Steve Hanlin, Kent Heikens, Jeff Hoesing, Loren Jones, Louisa Tabatabai, Mark Tomer, Amanda Toot, Eva Wojcik, Emilie Zehr

1. Meeting called to order 1:15 PM.
2. Approval of December 8, 2004 Meeting Minutes.
3. Discussion and planning of upcoming observances.
 - Loren Jones received the videos that he ordered for the library.
 - Martin Luther King Day (Mark Tomer)
"I Have a Dream" speech Video
Both showings are at noon, and the video takes only 25 minutes.
NSRIC auditorium: Tuesday Jan. 18
NADC room 25: Wednesday Jan. 19
- Jeff Hoesing will be distributing posters and sending e-mails at the NADC location.
 - African American History Month (Steve Hanlin)
Video showing The Murder of Emmitt Till
- Ordering Posters
 - National Women's History Month (Amanda Toot)
Amanda motioned for purchases not to exceed \$200.00 for posters (7) and videos.
- Motion approved
4. Website Upgrade (Steve Hanlin)
 - An approval for being set up on the main USDA website is in the works.
5. Minority student intern program:
 - The committee is looking into more information about the intern program. ARS scientists apply for the program through ISU.
 - Some ideas are:
 - To get the information to the RL Meetings
 - Have involvement from Nina Grant (ISU) and Janae Lentz
6. Notices:
 - Cultural diversity events on campus
 - The approval and finalization of committee membership. However, a representative from CICGRU is still needed.
 - The Final list of Observance Volunteers
7. Discussion on requesting travel authorization(s) for committee member/members to attend civil rights training.
 - Tim Anderson provided information on Continuing Education for Civil Rights through the USDA Graduate School. Information can be found at the USDA Grad School website
 - A few committee members would be interested in attending Civil Rights training.

8. Loren Jones motioned for approval of general civil rights/immigration/diversity poster for months without observances. (Purchases up to \$170.00)
 - Motion Approved
9. New business
 - Mark Tomer had a follow up from Robin Roberts, speaker for the program on Native American Codetalkers (Windtalkers). Robin Roberts also invited committee members to a presentation of military medals to the families of several Meskwaki codetalkers by Senator Tom Harkin.
 - Jeff Hoelsing brought in an older Report by the Civil Rights Action Team. The report contained various statistics on Civil Rights subjects at the USDA. He is interested in finding a recent report.
10. The AACRAC meeting for February 9, 2005 will be scheduled for 1:10 PM **rm 122 at NADC.**
11. Meeting adjourned at 2:25 PM.

Minutes written Eva Wojcik

Amended to Meeting Minutes:

Cultural diversity events on campus

The Final list of observance volunteers

List of Committee members